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FOUR GLENDALE ACTING POSITIONS MADE OFFICIAL

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – The city of Glendale has officially named permanent roles for four employees who have been in acting or interim capacities for almost a year or more.

A seven-year veteran with the Glendale Police Department, Debora Black has been named the new police chief. Interim chief since March of 2012, she will now officially take the helm leading the Police Department. Black began her law enforcement career 33 years ago with the Phoenix Police Department and has been in a chief capacity with Glendale Police since 2006. She has a master's degree in Public Administration and an undergraduate degree from Arizona State University.

In addition, Greg Rodzenko has been named city engineer. A former assistant city engineer, Rodzenko has been the interim engineer for several months, since the former city engineer retired. Rodzenko has been with the city for 10 years and has a Master of Science in Fluid Physics and a Bachelor of Arts from Oberlin College.

Also, Sam McAllen has been named the executive director of the Neighborhood & Human Services Department which oversees the city's Code Compliance Office, Neighborhood Services and the Community Action Program. McAllen has been with the city for five years. McAllen holds a Bachelor Degree from Arizona State University. He is also a certified public manager.

Finally, Jim Brown has been named executive director of the Human Resources & Risk Management Department. With the city of Glendale for six years, Brown has been in the interim executive director capacity for about a year, following the former director's retirement. Brown has a Master of Science in Educational Administration and has a Bachelor of Arts from William Jewell College.

"In keeping with sound management principles, I felt it was important to take this step to both strengthen and stabilize the organization by making these staffing adjustments permanent," stated Acting City Manager Dick Bowers. "I appreciate both the talent and commitment of Glendale staff, and this action will support them and strengthen the leadership within the city as we move forward."

Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers added: “I am pleased that the city has taken another step in the right direction today with the appointment of permanent department heads for the Human Resources and Risk Management, Police, and Neighborhood and Human Services departments, as well as the engineering division. This improved configuration allows our department heads the ability to enact long-term plans to help better serve Glendale residents.”

For more information about these departments, visit www.glendaleaz.com.

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